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TAGS: OREP (THURMOND AND SCOTT)

SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

MALIK

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1. ON JANUARY 6 I TOOK SENATORS THURMOND AND SCOTT TO CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK. FRANK EXCHANGE DEVELOPED ON RESPECTIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD INDOCHINA PROBLEMS.

2. SENATORS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INDONESIAN VIEW OF INDOCHINA SITUATION, ADDING THAT THEY HAD DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING WHY ASIAN NATIONS CLOSE TO INDOCHINA WERE NOT GIVEING GREATER SUPPORT NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN THAT AREA AND ESPECIALLY TO THIEU. THEY MENTIONED PARTICULARLY SINGAPORE AND MEETING WITH LEE KUAN YEW IN THIS CONNECTION. UNITED STATES HAS BORNE FULL BRUNT OF INDOCHINA PROBLEM AND YET IT STANDS TO LOSE MUCH LESS THAN NATIONS NEAR BY WHICH HAVE, IN THEIR VIEW, DONE RELTIVELY LITTLE. U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN AID IS ERODING. ONE REASON IS FAILURE OF OTHER FREE WORLD GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT ANTI-COMMUNIST

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EFFORTS IN INDONCHINA.

3. MALIK SAID INDONESIA INDONESIA HAS HELPED, PARTICULARLY IN CAMBODIA BUT INDONESIAN MEANS TO HELP ARE LIMITED. INDONESIA IS NOT INDUSTRIAL STATE AND CANNOT PRODUCE AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT FOR THAT KIND OF WAR. INDONESIA HAS HELPED WHERE IT CAN WITH TRAINING AND ADVISORS. ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA CONFLICT WOULD BE VERY SERIOUS MATTER FOR INDONESIA AND COULD WELL UNNECESSARILY PROVOKE COMMUNIST STATES. INDONESIA AGREED THAT IT WAS IN ITS INTEREST TO PREVENT COMMUNIST TAKEOVER BUT IT CONTINUED TO FEEL THAT PATH LAY IN POLITICAL SOLUTION AND NOT IN PROLONGING CONFLICT.

4. MALIK WAS ASKED WHETHER HE SAW PROSPECT FOR POLITICAL TALKS IN CAMBODIA FOLLOWING VICTORY FOR LON NOL GOVERNMENT IN UNGA. MALIK SAID HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT VICTORY COULD BR REPEATED IN NEXT YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND POLITICAL TALKS, THEREFORE, VECOME URGENT NECESSITY. SIHANOUK IS NOT COMMUNIST BUT WOULD BE TOO WEAK TO HOLD OFF COMMUNISTS. ALL ELEMENTS OF CAMBODIAN PICTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED. MALIK PLANS TO RAISE QUESTION WITH ALGERIANS WHEN HE GOES TO OPEC MEETING. (NOTE: THIS COMMENT IS CONTRARY TO INFO REPORTED REFTTEL AND SUGGESTS MALIK WILL ATEND OPEC CONFERENCE IN ALGEIRS.) IF COMMUNIST SIDE WILL NOT TALK WITH LON NOL, THEN PERHAPS TALKS SHOULD BE TRIED WITH LONG BORET.

5. ON VIETNAM, MALIK POINTED OUT INDONESIAN ROLE IN ICCS BUT SAID INDONESIA INCREASINGLY TROUBLED BY INACTION. IRAN IS WEAK NON-COMMUNIST PARTNER AND ACTION TOTALLY BLOCKED BY HUNGARY AND POLES. MALIK HAD SPOKEN TO SOIVIETS ABOUT PROBLEM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW BUT HAD NOT DETECTED SOVIET INTEREST IN PLAYING ROLE. INDONESIA COULD NOT REMAIN INDEFINITELY IN THIS KIND OF POSITION AND AT SOME POINT WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS.

6. MALIK POINTED OUT TWO YEARS HAD NOW ELAPSED WITH LITTLE PROGRESS. HE SAID BOTH SIDES WERE TO BLAME. NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE MAINTAINED MILITARY PRESSURE. THIEU FAILED TO MOVE QUICKLY TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT  
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AFTER PRIS AGREEMENT. HE OBVIOUSLY HOPED FOR CONINUED U.S. SUPPORT TO GIVE HIM STRONGER BARGAINING POSITION.

7. MALIK RETURNED TO THEME THAT SOLUTION WAS SITILL UP TO U.S. WHICH SHOULD GIVE STRONG ULTIMATUUM TO PARTIES TO RETURN TO POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS, POSSIBLY WITH THREAT TO RESUME BOMBING. SENATORS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT MALIK'S SUGGESTION AND SAID SUCH POSITION UNLIKELY HAVE

PUBLIC SUPPORT IN U.S. OR ELSEWHERE. MALIK REPEATED  
THIS MAY BE ONLY WAY TO BRING SOLUTION ABOUT.

8. MALIK MENTIONED DESIRE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH U.S.  
ON INDOCHINA PROBLEM AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO EARLY  
TALK WITH AMBASSADOR MARTIN. I ASKED HIM TO SUGGEST  
DATES WHEN IT MIGHT BE CONVENIENT FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN  
TO VISIT.

9. COMMENT: SENATORS THURMOND AND SCOTT WERE SOMEWHAT  
SURPRISED AT ATTITUDES EXPRESSED BY MALIK, PARTICULARLY  
RELATING TO VIETNAM, AND MALIK'S TENDENCY TO EQUATE TWO  
SIDES AS EQUALLY AT FAULT. SENATORS PRESENTED POLITELY  
BUT FORCEFULLY U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT AT ASIAN ATTITUDES  
TOWARD VIETNAM. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY SALUTARY IN BRINGING  
HOME FACTS OF U.S. ATTITUDES BUT UNLIKELY ALTER BASIC  
INDONESIAN RELUCTANCE TO GET MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN VIETNAM.  
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